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RYBAT TYPIC AMECRU AMCALL AMHINT AMSOUR

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1. AMECRU-1 BROUGHT C/O TO DATE ON ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST JANUARY.

A. DURING STAY CARACAS SAW GOVT OFFICIALS FROM PRESIDENT CALDERA DOWN TO MINGOB LORENZO FERNANDEZ REGARDING POSSIBLE PRISONER EXCHANGE. GOVT FEARFUL UNFAVORABLE PUBLIC REACTION AND POSSIBLE ARMY COUP SHOULD PROPOSAL BE MISINTERPRETED AS CONCILIATORY MOVE TOWARD FIDEL CASTRO. ACCION DEMOCRATICA TENDS TO FAVOR EXCHANGE. FORMER FONMIN ARCAJO SUGGESTED THAT VENEZUELAN WORKERS WOULD APPROVE EXCHANGE OF ONE VENEZUELAN, AMCALL-1 (281-275949) AND 38 OTHER PRISONERS FOR TWO CUBANS IN VENEZUELAN JAIL. (ARCAJO CITED GOOD TREATMENT AFFORDED THESE TWO, ONE OF WHOM WAS ALLOWED TO MARRY AND HAVE HONEY MOON, OUT OF JAIL.) ARCAJO CLAIMS HAS TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO PERSUADE FIDEL CASTRO TO ACCEPT EXCHANGE. BOTH POLITICAL SIDES VENEZUELA THEREFORE APPEAR TO FAVOR PURSUING EXCHANGE THROUGH VATICAN AT 10 TO 2 RATIO.

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B. ON RETURN TO EUROPE SAW AMKNAR-1 EARLY JULY.

ALTHOUGH AMECRU-1 HAD SENT REPEATED REMINDERS TO AMKNAR-1 AND COLLEAGUE AS WELL AS TO IDENTITY A DIRECTLY, NO WORK RECEIVED. *Alia Sanchez*  
 AMKNAR-1 ADVISED THAT BOTH IDENTITY B AND IDENTITY C (MAN WHO INTRODUCED IDENTITY B AS AMECRU'S CONTACT) HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED PCS *Smilevolder, Mexico - Francisco Ramon Alvarez*  
 HAVANA, WITH NO REPLACEMENT INDICATED. ONE WEEK LATER AMKNAR-1 INFORMED HIM THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM HAVANA TO TELL HIM THAT GOC HAD DECIDED TO "RESCIND" OPERATION AND THAT MONEY WOULD BE REFUNDED IN MANNER TO BE DECIDED BY AMECRU-1. NO REASON FOR REVERSAL GIVEN BY AMKNAR-1. HE SAID THAT AMCALL-1 AND AMHINT-3 ACCEPTANCE OF REHABILITATION SHOULD PUT THEM IN GOOD STEAD FOR FUTURE. ON LEAVING, AMKNAR-1 TOSSED OUT COMMENT THAT AMECRU-1 MIGHT BEST CONTINUE TO PURSUE EXCHANGE ISSUE WITH VENEZUELA AND VATICAN.

2. AMECRU-1 SHOWED C/O COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN HIM AND WIFE AMCALL-1, FATHER AMHINT-3, IDENTITY D AND IDENTITY E. *Santiago, Chile - Juan Carlos, Puerto Rico*  
 ALSO SHOWED EVIDENCE LETTER FROM AMCALL-1 WIFE TO IDENTITY A SENT *Alberto Martin Arango, Sec. Gen. to Spanish Council of State*  
 THROUGH IDENTITY F. (A-1 SOURCE FOR SENDING PACKAGES TO CUBA, IDENTITY G, SOON TO BE TRANSFERRED.) *Alfonso Rueda, Remon, Ecuador Corp. New York*  
*Manuel Gasset Canales, Spanish Foreign Ministry, Director Saturno Rangel*

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UNLESS FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM GOC WHICH WOULD.

DRASTICALLY AFFECT CASES, PLANS TO LEAVE EUROPE TO RESIDE CARACAS  
25 AUGUST.

3. AMECRU-1 SPECULATIVES: FROM START, OBVIOUS THAT DIFFERENCE  
EXISTED BETWEEN AMGHOST-1 FACTION, REPRESENTED IN FIELD BY  
IDENTITY B AND IDENTITY C <sup>Sanchez VASCO MARTINEZ</sup> AND THEIR PREDECESSORS AMBANAL-1 AND  
AMBUCK-4, AND IDENTITY A <sup>Cuba Sanchez Mendez</sup> FACTION REPRESENTED IN FIELD BY AMKNAR-1.  
BELIEVED AMKNAR-1 MORE INFLUENTIAL THAN AMSTAFF COUNTERPARTS AND  
MAY RESENT AMSTAFF ASSUMPTION OF CONTACT AS WELL AS AMECRU-1  
ATTEMPTS TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH IDENTITY A.

4. ON BASIS CUBAN INDIFFERENT ATTITUDE TOWARD HIM, AMECRU-1  
FEELS HE NOW OUT OF CUBAN GOOD GRACES AND WHEN LEAVES THIS TIME WILL  
TAKE NO FURTHER ACTIVE STEPS ON OWN INITIATIVE. WILL SEE AMKNAR-1  
ONCE MORE BEFORE DEPARTURE TO GIVE HIM PERMANENT MIAMI FORWARDING.  
ADDRESS WHERE MESSAGE CAN BE PASSED ANY TIME SHOULD HIS  
SERVICES BE DESIRED.

5. ON ARRIVAL CARACAS WILL SEE PRESIDENT CALDERA TO URGE HE  
CONSIDER SOUNDING OUT CASTRO, THROUGH INTERCESSION PRESIDENT ALLENDE,

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ON PRISONER EXCHANGE USING VATICAN'S GOOD OFFICES. IN EUROPE, SIMILAR OVERTURES TO BE CONTINUED FOR PAPAL INTERVENTION THROUGH IDENTITIES <sup>supplied by</sup> P, I, J AND AMVALUE-2 (201-276972) (LATTER <sup>Antonio Garrigues Diaz - Consulate, Spanish Ambassador to Vatican</sup> <sup>José Pedro Arrupe, Head of Society of Jesus, Rome</sup>) HOPEFULLY THROUGH PERSUASION EXERTED BY OTHERS).

6. DISCUSSIONS WITH SISTER AMSOUR-1 INDICATE THAT AMSOUR-1 CASE DEFINITELY CLOSED.

7. AMECRU-1 PERSONAL ITEMS:

A. WISHED CLEAR HIS NAME AND THAT RAFAEL B I L B A O, INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL ASSOCIATION, NEW YORK CITY, OF COMPLICITY IN CUBAN TRADE INITIATED BY BRUNO ALCIDES D E C O N T I, ITALIAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY MAGNATE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND RENATO C A M P E T T I, SAMI TRACTOR COMPANY, MILAN. BILBAO INVOLVED INITIALLY TO GET RELATIVES OUT OF CUBA; AMECRU-1 IN HOPES WOULD ENHANCE STATUS WITH CUBANS FOR PRISONER EXCHANGE. BOTH WERE EASED OUT BY DE CONTI AND CAMPETTI WHO GOT CONTRACT. A-1 FRIEND IN MAIMI ADVISED THAT MATTER INVESTIGATED BY U.S. INTELLIGENCE, SO A-1 WISHES MAKE CLEAR HIS AND BILBAO'S UNSELFISH MOTIVES FOR INVOLVEMENT THIS DEAL.

B. AMECRU-1 MADE PITCH TO JKLANCE AS C A ASSET. PROPOSES TO WRITE ARTICLES OF WORLD SCOPE PRESENTING VIEWS USG POLICY MORE

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CONVINCING TO LATIN AMERICANS THAN NORMALLY AVAILABLE IN PRESS OR JKLANCE SUBSIDIZED BACKING OF SUCH INEFFECTIVE PERSONS AS AMBIDDY-1. SUGGESTS HIS WEEKLY ARTICLES COULD EITHER BE SENT DIRECTLY THROUGH OWN CONTACTS TO 20 LEADING L A AND SPANISH NEWSPAPERS OR JKLANCE COULD ARRANGE SYNDICATED CONTRACT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SUBSCRIBERS. PROPOSES MODEST SALARY OF \$2500 MONTHLY PLUS, OF COURSE, OFFICE AND SECRETARIAL EXPENSES. C/O NATURALLY REMARKED THAT THOUGH A-1 CERTAINLY COULD PRESENT THEMES CONVINCINGLY DOUBTED THAT CURRENT JKLANCE BUDGET WOULD PERMIT THIS EXPENDITURE. AT HIS REQUEST, HOWEVER, RELAYING OFFER SO THAT DEFINITE ANSWER MAY BE GIVEN HIM WHILE BARCELONA 20-25 AUGUST. PLEASE ADVISE.

8. POUCHING COPIES AMECRU-1 CORRESPONDENCE MENTIONED PARA 2.

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